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FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 18432 ACTION SECSTATE INFO EC BRUSSELS
BONN BRUSSELS COPENHAGEN DUBLIN LONDON LUXEMBOURG THE HAGUE
ROME GENEVA 30 JULY 1974. QUOTE:

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DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, EEC

SUBJECT: FRENCH BEEF SALES TO USSR

1. RELIABLE SOURCE AT MINISTRY OF ECONOMY CONFIRMED TO
EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT FIRST SALE OF 50,000 TONS OF
FRENCH BEEF TO USSR HAS BEEN AGREED TO. INITIAL SHIP-
MENTS OF 10,000 TONS HAS ALREADY LEFT FRANCE; SHIP-
MENTS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER. SALE, ACCORDING
TO SOURCE, WAS MADE AT 4,400 FRANCS PER METRIC TON.
CUTS WERE FORE AND HINDQUARTERS, INCLUDING SOME PISTOLA,
ALL WITH BONE IN.

2. MEMBER OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTER'S CABINET ALSO CON-
FIRMED SALE BUT DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF DETAILS AS SALE
NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE ABOVE HIS LEVEL. HE COMMENTED
SPECIAL FRENCH EXPORT RESTRICTIONS WERE A POSSIBILITY.

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HE ALSO INDICATED AGMINISTER BONNET HAD HOPES

THAT SECOND 50,000 TONS SALE, TO INCLUDE BOTH BEEF AND PORK,
COULD BE MADE THROUGH EC CHANNELS.
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